



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."
~ Tom Brokaw

May 15, 2013

Accessibility Activities and Events Committee

The Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is a volunteer group that advocates for the interests of people with disabilities, promotes awareness of the challenges they face, and works to develop solutions for enhanced community accessibility. You can join this effort by participating in the Activities and Events Committee to help with planning the CCA's major activities: the ADA anniversary celebration and the annual CCA awards ceremony. Committee members are also welcome to participate in full Council meetings. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Craig Brenner at brennerc@bloomington.in.gov or 349-3471 or Byron Smith at 339-5400 or byron@indiana.edu. (www.bloomington.in.gov/cc)

Community Orchard Workdays

Bloomington Community Orchard is holding weekly workdays to enhance the orchard, focusing on mulching, pruning, weeding and general maintenance of the nearly 100 fruit trees and plants. Workdays are open-house style. Food and drinks to share are always greatly appreciated! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and contribute to the growth of your orchard! Upcoming workdays are: 1 to 4 p.m. on May 18 and 25; 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from June 5-Aug. 7; and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays from Aug. 17-Nov. 23. Minimum age is 16; no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Keith Leonard at kleonard1075@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org)

Repack Assistants

As part of the Meal Share program of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, small groups and individuals repackage prepared foods donated by local restaurants, catering companies and cafeterias. Many businesses have prepared more food than needed. The Food Bank provides them a place to donate what is not sold or served. 'Repack' occurs every Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 5:30-7 p.m. Sign yourself or your group up for a once-a-month commitment or come just once! Minimum age is 12. Please contact Katie Haddad at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Bloomington Writing Project

If you enjoy writing, you can help others learn to enjoy it too! The Bloomington Writing Project has teamed up with Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (ViTAL) to offer a course for English language learners at the Monroe County Public Library from 6-8 p.m. on Thurs. nights from May 30 to July 19. No teaching or tutoring experience is necessary. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Carlson at (812) 349-3050 or bethanycarlson@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonwritingproject.org)

Help Seniors with Finances

The AARP Foundation's Money Management Program prolongs independent living for people who are disabled or elderly and on limited incomes. The program is recruiting new volunteers to serve those waitlisted. Volunteers can participate as Bill Payers, making regular visits to the client's home, helping them pay monthly bills and maintain the check register. Volunteers may also act as Representative Payees to help those who have been designated by a federal agency, such as the Social Security Administration, as incapable of handling their financial affairs. Either opportunity requires a time contribution of up to eight hours monthly with a renewable one-year commitment. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Holly McLaughlin, Area 10 Agency on Aging, at (812) 876-3383 ext. 522 or hmclauchlin@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

Eliminates poverty by building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need, who buy homes with an interest-free mortgage. To grant a wish, contact Cassidhe Hart at habitat@monroecountyhabitat.org or (812) 331-4069 (213 E. Kirkwood Ave.; www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Wishes: i-pads, color printer, corded jig saw, circular saw, tape measures, levels, hard hats, pliers, shovels, large appliance dolly, ratchet straps, vacuum cleaner, DVD player, commercial paper shredder

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

